

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.60904 Land resource portion of inventory; format; scope of inventory; option to purchase or exchange wetland; exemption from property taxes.

Sec. 60904. (1) The land resource portion of the inventory shall be completed in a format that may be readily integrated into the data management system, and shall provide a base of information to analyze the existing and future productivity of the state's natural resources and provide information to assist in the analysis of the timing, location, and intensity of future development in the state. The format should also include information that will be readily usable and available to assist local governmental units in their land use planning. The inventory may include any of the following:

- (a) Geological features, including groundwater features such as depth to groundwater, groundwater recharge zones, and potable aquifers.
- (b) Land area with characteristics that pose problems to development, such as an area subject to reasonably predictable hazardous natural phenomenon, which may include flooding, high-risk erosion, or subsidence.
- (c) Land area with characteristics that make it suited for agricultural use.
- (d) Land area with characteristics that make it suited for silvicultural use.
- (e) Metallic and nonmetallic mineral deposits.
- (f) Hydrological features, including lakes, rivers and creeks, impoundments, drainage basins, and wetlands.
- (g) Land area of wildlife habitat, including each significant breeding area or area used by migratory wildlife.
- (h) Topographic contours.

(2) If the department designates an area as wetland, the state may negotiate and contract for an option to purchase or exchange the wetland in order to protect the wetland. The option to purchase or exchange the wetland shall be valid for 5 years. After an option to purchase is negotiated, a person may apply for and receive consideration for an exemption from property taxes levied pursuant to the general property tax act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being sections 211.1 to 211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for the duration of the option to purchase.

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